

The NH Division of Weights and Measures

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TO: Licensed NH Service Technicians and Service Companies
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TOPIC: **Note #11: Batching Scales: Commercial versus Non-Commercial Devices**

Batching Scales: Commercial versus Non-Commercial Applications

Batching systems are used when two or more ingredients are mixed together to create a finished product. Examples of batching systems include those used at asphalt and concrete plants to mix several components together for retail sale. These systems use a scale to weigh the ingredients as well as determine the total weight of the product. Specific facts that determine whether a batching scale is used in a commercial or non-commercial application depends on the procedure used and how the customer is charged. Note the following:

- If the weight is determined from the use of the batching scale and the customer is charged based on that weight, then the scale is commercial and needs to be legal-for-trade, certified by a licensed New Hampshire service technician, and licensed with the Division.
- If the customer is charged based on the weight determined from a vehicle scale that weighs the product obtained from the batching scale, then the batching scale is considered non-commercial and does not need to be certified and licensed. However, the vehicle scale needs to be legal-for-trade, certified and licensed.
- One caveat: The owner of a non-commercial batching scale may have their scale licensed and certified if they wish as long as it is a legal-for-trade scale. However, it is not mandatory for non-commercial batching scales to be certified and licensed pursuant to the Division's laws and rules.

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